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In re Application of

Docket No. 00862.002720

Masayuki YAMADA

Application No.: 09/263,262

Examiner: David D. Knepper

Filed: March 5, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2654

For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS APPARATUS, CONTROL  
METHOD THEREFOR, AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE MEMORY

Date: September 3, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.


The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                              |  |       |  |                         |                |                   |
|--|--|-------|--|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|  | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                | *<br>24  | MINUS | **<br>24                                     | =<br>0                  | x \$9<br>\$18  | 0.00              |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                               | *<br>6   | MINUS | ***<br>6                                     | =<br>0                  | x \$43<br>\$86 | 0.00              |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 |  |       |  |                         |                | 0.00              |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT---  |  |       |  |                         |                | 0.00              |

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in Washington, D.C. by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, Applicant respectfully  
requests that the application be amended as follows.